

CITY OF BURTON
FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 17, 1990 7:00 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Finance Committee Meeting was called to order by Mr. Martinbianco, Chairman, at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Abbey, Hammon and Martinbianco.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mayor, Jane L. Nimcheski; R. Hamilton, City Attorney; K. Collard, City Administrator; H. Clark, Police Chief and W. Walworth, City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Discussion and recommendations for the Bentley crossing guard matter; and other matters that might arise.

PRESENTATION:

Bentley Crossing Guard:

Mr. Martinbianco summarized the Bentley Crossing Guard matter as of this date.

Police Precinct-Courtland:

Mr. Martinbianco said he had asked Clyde Cooper, head of security at the Valley, to attend the meeting.

Chief Clark reviewed the mall security problem, which, he said, is more one of perspective than an actual problem. He said the presence of an officer at the mall could improve the situation. He also noted that nothing had been finalized. He said they have proposed up to \$50,000.00, with the City picking up 20 hours per week, and the mall picking up 40 hours per week.

Mr. Cooper said he had 17 fulltime people at the mall and he also uses uniformed township officers each day at the officer's overtime pay rate.

Memorial near Station #1:

Mr. Martinbianco said he had not received a proposal from Mrs. Walls on the allocation of \$2000-\$5000 for a memorial near Station #1.

District Court Housing:

Mayor Nimcheski advised the committee that the Court had made a request for office space, at a rental rate of \$1,450 per month. She said their request would take over all available space, and she expressed concern on parking, as their new facility would not be ready for at least a year. She also expressed concern on the wear and tear of the City's new building. She said the City would be required to house Mr. McDougal.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Bentley Crossing Guard:

Mr. Young said there are court cases to back up his request, including an Attorney General's opinion.

Mayor Nimcheski raised the question of whose jurisdiction the streets come under. She said the tap-in fee request from Mr. Young was not allowed under Ordinance or County agreements. The Mayor also raised the question of who hires the guards, if the City was expected to pay.

Police Precinct-Courtland:

None.

Memorial near Station #1:

None.

District Court Housing:

None.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Bentley Crossing Guard:

Mr. Hamilton reviewed the pertinent language in the school code, on the joint effort of the school and local municipality. He said the decision, to date, has been unilateral. If Burton has any liability, they would have to be involved in the process.

Mr. Hammon asked if there had been any communication with the county. He was advised none to date. He expressed concern about using City taxes to assist a district with crossing guards, while other school districts would not benefit.

Mr. Young said he was only interested in 88-89 and 89-90 when his district did not have busing.

Mr. Martinbianco asked what assurances he had that a new board would not come back after 1990. Mr. Young said none.

Mr. Abbey asked if any other districts had crossing guards. He was advised that Bendle has some.

Mr. Martinbianco reviewed some case law and raised the question of the possible responsibility of the local law enforcement agency in this matter. He said he had contacted Bloomfield Township and wanted to see the outcome of that case.

Mr. Abbey asked for a breakdown of the costs per individual streets.

Mr. Hamilton was asked to check with the county attorney on their position, on the liability.

Mr. Hammon said the whole thing is unfortunate and expressed concern on costs being put back on the taxpayers in the laws being written.

Mr. Young is to address a letter to the County on his problem and see if they have any thoughts on jurisdictional responsibility.

Police Precinct-Courtland:

Mr. Hammon asked about the perception of having officers at the mall.

Chief Clark thought it would be positive.

Mr. Abbey asked why a Courtland representative was not present. He was told they were not invited, as this was just a preliminary presentation to the committee.

Mr. Hammon asked if the committee could have more advanced notice on matters such as crossing guards and mall security.

Mayor Nimcheski said that matters like these do not need to be brought to them until the items begin to solidify. She said she has to review many proposals that come to her attention and she brings matters to them as soon as they need to be pursued further. The Mayor also said she needs to know if the Council wants to proceed further and their input is important to her.

Memorial near Station #1:

Mayor Nimcheski suggested the Ladies Auxillary and the Men's Club be contacted to raise monies for this project.

Mr. Hammon said he needed more information from Mrs. Walls on what she had in mind for the memorial.

District Court Housing:

The committee and Chief Clark expressed the same concerns as the Mayor.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Bentley Crossing Guard:

Mr. Young will check with his board on a possible joint finance committee meeting with the Council's finance committee. He will get back with Mr. Martinbianco in setting up a meeting.

Police Precinct-Courtland:

Chief Clark is to get a formal proposal, from the Mall, for the committee to review.

Memorial near Station #1:

Council President Cross was asked to meet with Mrs. Walls and see if she had a specific proposal in writing that they could look at.

District Court Housing:

Moved by Abbey, supported by Hammon to recommend to Council that they deny the request of the District Court for rental of the Police facility at the proposed rate. Motion Carried 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

William R. Walworth
Burton City Clerk

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